

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL MEMORANDUM**

**SB 792 – HB 1137**

March 27, 2017

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Requires the Commissioner of the Department of Commerce and Insurance (TDCI) to provide access to standardized forms for health care insurance claims on the Commissioner's website.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

IMPACT TO COMMERCE OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (006294):** Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Requires a health insurance policy to provide coverage for the screening, diagnosis, and treatment of autism spectrum disorder on or after January 1, 2018.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Unchanged from the original fiscal note.**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Based on information provided by the Bureau of TennCare, the proposed legislation does not impact any programs or policies; therefore, any fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.
- Based on information provided by the Department of Finance and Administration, Division of Benefits Administration (Benefits Administration), Benefits Administration's current coverage policies are consistent with the requirements in the proposed legislation; therefore, any fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.
- Based on information provided by the Department of Commerce and Insurance, the proposed legislation can be accommodated utilizing existing personnel resources; therefore, any fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.

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## **IMPACT TO COMMERCE WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

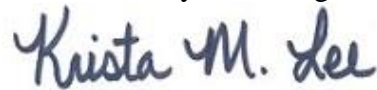
**Other Commerce Impact – Due to multiple unknown variables, an exact impact to commerce cannot be determined with reasonable certainty. However, any increase in business revenue is anticipated to exceed any increase in business expenditures.**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Health care providers that currently do not provide autism spectrum disorder services will incur an increase in business revenue to cover the cost of the increased coverage provided by insurance companies as a result of the proposed legislation.
- Insurance companies will realize an increase in premium revenue to cover the increased coverage.
- An exact impact to commerce cannot be determined due to a number of unknown factors but the increase in business revenue is reasonably estimated to exceed the increased business expenditures resulting from the proposed legislation in order for companies to retain solvency.

## **CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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